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HONORED IN WHO'S WHO



Hon. S. D. Redmond, lawyer-physician, nationally known in political and business circles has been paid the high honor of having his name and a short sketch of his life history to appear in the 1943 Edition of the international "Who's Who in America." As far as could be learned Dr. Redmond will be the only American Negro whose name will appear in the 1943 Edition of this book which is read throughout the world.

Groups Push For Grand Jury Probe Of Riot

Detroit's Mayor And Prosecutor Opposing Move

Labor, Interracial Committee Pushing For Investigation

By T. JOHN WOOD

DETROIT, Mich.—(ANP)—Add. ed impetus to demands for a grand jury investigation of causes and circumstances of the recent race riot, demands made by the Mayor's Interracial committee last week and which Prosecutor William E. Dowling said he would hesitate to heed unless the committee submits more "evidence," may come from organized labor, it was learned from reliable labor quarters this week.

A spokesman for the UAW-CIO said this week that the CIO is ready to push demands for a grand jury investigation, and also submit much of the evidence. Prosecutor Dowling said he was in need of but, he added, the CIO is waiting for further petitions for an investigation to come from the community through civic groups and Negro leaders.

Dowling, who said he would hesitate to call a one-man grand jury investigation of the race riots which resulted in 35 deaths, 13 which are still unsolved, declared that an extensive investigation by seven agencies under Gov. Kelly's Fact Finding Committee had failed to turn up any evidence which would warrant the calling of a grand jury. These agencies, he said, are the FBI, the army intelligence service, the state police, the Detroit police and investigators from the attorney general's office.

CIO FAVORS INVESTIGATION

An international representative of the UAW-CIO said that while the CIO favors a grand jury investigation, it is opposed to a one-man grand jury. He said that it is the opinion of the CIO that only a 23-man grand jury can carry on an adequate investigation and get at the causes of the riot.

The CIO representative also said that R. J. Thomas, in conference with President Roosevelt last week, talked with the President about the riot and its causes and pointed out to President Roosevelt that an investigation is imperative if recurrences of the June 21 riot are to be averted. Thomas was also reported to have demanded action by the attorney general who has ignored reports of fifth column activity in Detroit.

MAYOR OPPOSED TO PROBE

It is believed here that Mayor Jeffries and Prosecutor Dowling are opposed to a grand jury investigation for the same reason, namely, that such an investigation would reveal further support to charges

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Bride-To-Be Says Pastor Jilted Her

By GORDON DE LEIGHBOR
DETROIT — (SNS) — A golden idyll of love, born on campuses of two Atlanta colleges, nurtured through an exchange of love letters over a distance of 2,000 miles and supposed to have reached a climax with the marriage of the two lovers, ended in disillusionment for at least two persons last week when the groom-to-be was married to another woman in Toledo at the very moment the intended bride was choosing gowns for her bridesmaids.

Virtually deserted at the altar was Miss Elizabeth Ruth Patton, of Atlanta, whose engagement to the Rev. Robert Clarence Wynn, assistant pastor of Scott Methodist Church, was announced by her sister, Miss Flora Bell Thornton, R. N., two months ago. The tragic climax to the romance has left Miss Patton stricken with grief.

SOLDIER DISAPPOINTED

And the second party to whom

LAUNCH FIRST U. S. WARSHIP NAMED IN HONOR OF NEGRO

First Photo Of Negroes In Sicily Landing



GELA, Sicily — Colored troops of the American army are pictured advancing on a beach about four miles from Gela after affecting a landing at dawn.

Perfect coordination of all American armed branches was responsible for the huge success of the push on this island.

White Asks Colleges Not To Train Jim Crow WAVES

WASHINGTON — (ANP) — Aimed to kill off an influence that may result in the establishment of a jim-crow set-up in the WAVES when Negro women are permitted to enroll, Walter White, NAACP executive secretary, has called for "unsparing" condemnation of those groups and individuals who have been proposing certain colleges in the south as training sites should the time come.

White's statement came a day after a group of Negro women had quietly conferred with Commander Mildred McAfee of the WAVES on the subject of permitting Negro

women to enter the navy auxiliary, and on which occasion they are reported to have shown unanimous agreement that a segregated basis would be undesirable.

Informed of this development by the ANP and that one or two southern colleges had offered their campuses to the navy for training purposes, White declared: "Negroes must be unsparing in their condemnation of any college, group or individual which, to help themselves financially or otherwise, assists the navy in jim-crowing colored WAVES."

The group of eight women of national reputation who conferred with Commander McAfee were pledged to remain unidentified and to give no comment on the discussion which lasted three and a half hours on Wednesday afternoon. Privately, it is learned however, that Commander McAfee sought to discount the impression that the department had already

Give Attention To Riots: FDR

WASHINGTON — (SNS) — President Roosevelt Wednesday asked the Attorney General and heads of several other government agencies to give special attention to the problem of race riots. Representative Marcantonio (American Labor, New York) wrote the President about riots in Beaumont, Texas and Detroit and the Chief Executive informed the New York representative of his instructions to the federal agencies. Mr. Roosevelt told Marcantonio he shared his "feeling that the recent outbreaks or violence in widely scattered parts of the country endangered our national unity and comfort our enemies."

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DESTROYER ESCORT HARMON SPONSORED BY HERO'S MOTHER

WASHINGTON — (SNS) — The first United States warship named in honor of a Negro, the Destroyer Escort Harmon, was launched Sunday from the Fore River yard of the Bethlehem Steel Company of Quincy, Mass. The SS Harmon, a 360-foot vessel, was named for the late Leonard Roy Harmon, Mess Attendant, First Class, U. S. N., who was awarded the Navy Cross posthumously for "extraordinary heroism" while aboard the USS San Francisco, during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Battle of Guadalcanal, November 12 and 13, 1942.

Insanity Plea Rejected; Youth Gets Sentenced

CORINTH, Miss. — Following the rejection of a plea of insanity interposed in his behalf by his attorneys, W. J. Sweat and Carey Stovall, Sidney Newsome, 17 year old Negro youth was sentenced to death in the electric chair here last week. Judge J. H. Saunders presiding, fixed the date of execution, August 20th.

The youth was tried and convicted on charges involving fifty robberies and five criminal assaults which he is alleged to have committed during a criminal career of several years duration in this community. The jury returned the guilty verdict after deliberating an hour and fifteen minutes.

James Nabors, another youth, implicated in a statement by Newsome was not indicted and is expected to be released as soon as his safety is assured. Both youths had been held in the Hinds County Jail at Jackson pending trial.

PRIVATE LEVI BRANDON DIES ON GALLOW'S
FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kansas — (SNS) — Private Levi Brandon, Kansas City, Kansas, soldier, convicted by a military court of attacking a 17-year-old white waitress last New Year's morning, was executed on the gallows Monday at the military post.

Ask Investigation Of Albany Draft Board

By WILLIAM A. FOWLKES
ATLANTA, Ga. — (SNS) — Colonel James N. Keelin, Jr., Director of the Selective Service of Georgia, Saturday was called upon to investigate the Albany (Ga.) Draft Board No. 1, which is believed to have shown prejudice in the Army induction of Editor A. C. Seales, of the Southwest Georgian, an Albany weekly newspaper. The request for investigation came from C. A. Scott, Southern Vice-president of the Negro Newspaper Publishers' Association and general manager of the Atlanta Daily World.

Seales' case was recently discussed with members of a committee of the press association which met recently in Washington. It was contended at this conference and at the annual association meeting in Louisville, Ky., that Seales was eligible for a deferment under Selective Service

which states that managing editors and other essential employees of newspapers are eligible for consideration for a deferment. Seales was refused a deferment, being inducted into the Army the first week in June.

DRAFTED IN REVENGE?

Prior to Seales' induction, he stated his belief that the speed with which he was given re-classification grew out of the exposure by his newspaper of the midnight abduction and lynching of Robert (Bobby) Hall at Newton, Georgia, on January 29.

According to C. A. Scott, further evidence shows that the Albany local board attempted to intimidate the man that Editor Seales left to carry on his paper by sending police after him and threatening to put the FBI on him and the paper because of the Board's displeasure with an article

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Mrs. Naunita Harmon Carroll, of Cuero, Texas, mother of the hero was sponsor for the new vessel. Mrs. Carroll had as her attendants, her daughters, Miss Pauline Mabry Harmon, a war worker in the Air Service Command at San Antonio, Texas, and Mrs. Constance Elaine Harmon-Edwards of El Paso, Texas. Mrs. Carroll was also accompanied by her husband, William D. Carroll, principal of the Hudspeth County Training School. The sponsoring party also included Mr. and Mrs. Gustave M. Solomon of Cambridge, Mass. Mr. Solomon, an electrical engineer and graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is the highest ranking Negro employed by the Bethlehem Yards. He is a technician at the Fore River Plant.

GIVEN SILVER BOWL

Following the launching, Mrs. Carroll was presented with a silver bowl, inscribed in memory of the occasion, by Edward C. Geehr, assistant manager, on behalf of the shipyard.

A reception was also given the sponsoring party in the company's dining room. High ranking navy officials, headed by Rear Admiral Harold T. Smith, supervisor of ship building at the Fore River Yard, also attended.

Proudly wearing her hero son's Navy Cross, Mrs. Carroll cried a bit as she smashed the bottle of champagne and said, "I christen thee Leonard Roy Harmon." But she was less emotional after the launching as she told of her son's efforts to enter the Navy. He was turned down at first, she said, because he had a "heart murmur," but he kept coming back to the Enlisting Station until he was finally accepted after the fourth try. He was 26 at the time of his death, and had served four years in the service. He was at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and saw service in several other engagements.

Mrs. Harmon is also proud of the work of her other son, Cornelius White Harmon, employed at the Naval Base at Corpus Christi, Tex. She herself was formerly a public school teacher.

TEXT OF CITATION

The text of the citation accompanying the posthumous award of the Navy Cross to Harmon is as follows:

"For extraordinary heroism while serving aboard the USS San Francisco during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands area on November 12 and 13, 1942. With persistent disregard for his own personal safety, Harmon rendered invaluable assistance in caring for the wounded and evacuating them to a dressing station. In addition to displaying unusual loyalty in behalf of the injured Executive Officer, he deliberately exposed himself to hostile gunfire in order to protect a shipmate and as a result of this courageous deed, was killed in action. His heroic spirit of self-sacrifice, maintained above and beyond the call of duty,

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4 Shot In Argument Over Dog Killed For Eating Corn

RAYMOND, Miss. — Four men, members of two well known and successful farm families here were shot in an argument arising over the killing of a dog here Saturday evening. Following the shooting, all of the injured were arrested by Deputy Sheriff Jones but were later released on bond with preliminary hearing set for Saturday, July 31st, before Justice of the Peace, Davis.

The shooting started after two Sanders Brothers, killed a dog owned by Smith Younger, after they alleged to have found the dog in their field tearing down a deerskin their corn. During the shooting Younger, his son and the two Sanders brothers were injured. Neither of the men was seriously injured although one of the Sanders was hit twice during the shooting.

Dentist, Publisher And Insurance Man Held On Federal Gas Violation Charges

Dr. A. H. McCoy, prominent dentist and businessman, Willie J. Miller, Editor and Publisher of the Mississippi Enterprise, and J. H. Coates, former Assistant Agency Director of the Universal Life Insurance Co. and recently, General Manager of the Security Life Insurance Company, were among fourteen persons for whom warrants were issued here last week upon charges of violation of the Federal Gasoline Rationing Regulations.

S. Commissioner G. Q. Whittle, and upon arrangement, pleaded not guilty and were released on bond of \$500, among whom was Dr. McCoy. Trial of the cases will be held in the Federal Court here which convenes on the first Monday in November.

J. H. Coates and Willie J. Miller were expected to appear before the commissioner along with the remainder of those listed, early in this week when the same action is expected to be taken in their cases.

Pretty Young Matron Stabbed To Death By Man; Husband Is Away On Defense Job

BRANDON, Miss. — Mrs. Rebecca Wells, pretty young married woman, a member of a prominent and widely known Rankin County family, was stabbed to death by another man at her home here Saturday while her husband, Johnnie Wells, was out of town working on a defense job. The pretty matron was stabbed

through the heart and in the lower stomach and died shortly after she was wounded. According to reports before she died she remarked to relatives who arrive shortly after her assault had escaped "Robert has killed me." There were no eye witnesses to the crime leading to belief

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R. C. Cooper, Well-known Business Man, Under \$2,000 Bond In Extortion Plot

R. C. Cooper, well known local business man, operator of a popular cafe at the corner of Rose and Lynch Streets, was arrested here last week by FBI on a charge of attempting to extort \$500.00 from Tom Stutts, wealthy Yazoo County oilman, and impersonating a federal officer.

The arrest of Cooper is reported to have been the outcome of his supposed efforts on behalf of Halsey Stutts, son of the oilman, who married his daughter several weeks ago. According to reports FBI agents called at Cooper's Cafe in an effort to locate young

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Rail Trainmen Send Plea To President

By WILLIAM A. FOWLKES
ATLANTA, Georgia — (SNS) — President Roosevelt was called upon Wednesday by the International Association of Railway Employees to use his influence to wipe out the color bar to Negro employment as locomotive firemen and trainmen "so that the burdens of the war and the chance to contribute to the war effort may rest equally on all elements of the population."

V. McNutt, chairman of the Manpower Commission; General Lewis B. Hershey, director of Selective Service, and Charles E. Houston, general counsel of the Association. The nation's Chief Executive was asked to give his official support in seeing to it that the Fair Employment Practice Committee hold hearings on grievances of the Negro trainmen September 15-17. Text of the Association's letter to President Roosevelt follows: "The International Association of Railway Employees, Inc., a national railway labor union of Ne-

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